

April 1, 1973

Dear Mom + Dad,

We had a good time in Puerto Rico. The first two days weren't too exciting for me as I stay^{ed} in the bare B&O. There was a pretty view of the ocean, however, especially at sunset. It is very tropical there with lots of strange birds, bugs, and lizards.

San Juan is the oldest city under the American flag. We enjoyed looking around the old Spanish fort that guards the harbor. Saturday we took the flight to St. Thomas and back before returning home. We bought our two gallons of liquor and also acquired sunburns.

It rained yesterday and there were still showers today. We went up to the District to see "The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie" - a worthless movie even though it won an Academy Award for best foreign film. Coming home there was lots of lightning and the sky turned pitch black. Soon the rain poured down and many cars had to pull off the highway. It is still thundering outside.

Vickie substituted four times last week - even first grade! When they need some one it doesn't matter what level or subject they majored in. She prefers the higher grades, however.

I forgot to mention that the cherry blossoms are in bloom and the city is filling with

visitors. We hope to see you in July and show you some more of the area.

I have an appointment in Hawaii on April 12 but I'm afraid Vickie will have to miss this trip. I will probably only be there one day which will just be tiresome.

It is warm now and I have to mow the lawn when the rain stops. We are beginning our fourth summer in Virginia -

Jim &
Vickie